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Prices were sharply higher early in week everywhere but New York where prices were unchanged. During the week prices in New York were slightly higher and prices elsewhere were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate, generally light. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fairly good to instances good. Bookings into some operations were heavier. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 4-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were in balance to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-68	59-65
LARGE	57-67	58-61
MEDIUM	47-57	49-52

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however trending higher on medium and larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for normal schedules. Light type hens were usually sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-80	66-69
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	52-61	53-56

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 21, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.50	52.00	38.00
SOUTHEAST	53.50	51.50	39.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	33.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	57.50	54.50	40.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.33	51.03	37.86

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN				
	01-25-05	01-18-05	01-27-04	
Large	41-49	31-39	97-104	
Medium	31-36	19-24	83-87	

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 24, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	18.7	7.9	10.2	8.0	54.7	
	Change	1.7	6.1	2.3	0.6	0.3	25%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	43.2	9.5	25.9	30.8	128.7	
	Change	0.3	5.0	-7.2	0.0	6.2	3%	
Large	Curr Wk	34.1	103.3	45.8	87.9	73.3	344.4	
	Change	-16.0	0.3	-10.5	-6.8	8.2	-7%	
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	38.1	12.0	21.9	24.6	106.8	
	Change	-0.9	6.8	0.1	2.6	0.3	9%	
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	9.2	3.1	4.8	2.5	24.3	
	Change	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.0	-0.8	7%	
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	38.8	8.4	15.5	5.4	74.7	
	Change	0.0	-2.7	-0.6	0.6	1.1	-2%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.4	67.9	19.1	31.3	16.0	149.7	
	Change	2.6	-8.9	2.2	3.7	0.4	0%	
Total	Curr Wk	100.2	319.2	105.8	197.5	160.6	883.3	
Percent	Change	-10%	2%	-11%	0%	11%	0%	

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	883.3	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	266.7	-3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1150.0	-1%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-JAN-05**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,194,985	27,844	12,197	6,549	3,204	4,388
PW	1,248,943	29,882	12,296	6,559	3,559	4,437
LY	1,127,852	26,152	11,283	6,152	2,724	4,160
% CHG PWK	-4	-7	-1	0	-10	-1
% CHG LY	6	6	8	6	18	5
2005	3,732,679	88,467	36,985	19,858	10,158	13,386
2004	3,415,654	80,728	32,977	18,271	8,168	12,471
% CHG YTD	9	10	12	9	24	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.66	42.58	42.33
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.99	39.02	38.65

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JAN 15	JAN 22	JAN 15	JAN 22
	Thousand			
AL	29,216	29,581	21,279	21,188
AR	31,506	30,744	*25,886	24,832
DE	*3,647	3,772	*6,111	5,353
FL	1,339	1,338	1,554	1,525
GA	*33,386	32,850	*26,776	27,148
KY	*7,232	7,094	*5,471	6,085
LA	4,014	3,984	3,843	3,819
MD	*8,763	8,147	*4,624	5,299
MS	19,256	19,709	17,195	17,012
NC	17,657	17,830	14,989	14,473
OK	6,324	6,529	5,537	4,481
PA	*3,956	3,710	*2,942	2,912
SC	5,341	5,068	*4,011	4,134
TX	13,672	15,226	*12,735	12,461
VA	6,146	6,370	5,252	5,660
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,885	18,137	*15,718	16,270
19 State Total	*209,340	210,089	*173,923	172,652
Previous Year Total	206,764	205,540	166,529	165,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	104	104

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Mar-05 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 159.1 million head the previous week and to 156.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.52 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/20/05-01/26/05

**CURRENT LDS** 69.50 **FUTURE LDS** 100.00 **TOTAL LDS** 169.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	43.25	48.18	43.88	45.13	46.42	48.82	62.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	67.00	—	63.25	—	—	7.00
GL W J	—	—	67.50	69.00	—	67.00	4.00
GL W XL	61.25	63.12	59.20	60.60	59.43	57.00	41.50
GL W LG	—	61.75	55.00	—	57.96	55.00	56.00
GL W MD	—	45.00	55.00	49.50	47.41	—	20.25
GL W SM	24.50	27.25	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.00	32.75	18.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	29.33	6.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-JAN-2005**

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	28.0	29.9	-6	-2
Boston	3.6	3.5	3	3
Chicago	68.6	73.1	-6	14
Detroit	36.5	23.6	55	64
Kansas City	8.9	4.4	102	147
Los Angeles	103.4	105.2	-2	15
New Orleans	7.5	7.2	4	-3
New York	32.9	35.2	-7	4
St. Louis	16.3	19.5	-16	-8
San Francisco	20.3	20.7	-2	3
Total	326.0	322.3	1	13
4 Week Moving Avg.	322.8			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-JAN-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Avg Wt	15.84	39.60	24.40	32.06	30.48
Last week	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Same wk yr ago	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
Avg Wt	15.54	37.33	23.92	39.94	28.29
To-date/2005	4,809	7,547	108	20	12,484
To-date/2004	5,125	7,420	139	17	12,701

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 22-JAN-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	825	-4	22.05	(A)	826	22.05
South Atlantic	512	-4	38.74	(A)	513	38.74
North Central	1,940	-3	34.73	(A)	1,940	34.73
South Central	513	-2	21.56	(A)	513	21.56
West	273	-8	27.03	(A)	273	27.03
U.S. total	4,063(B)	-3	30.48	2	4,065	30.48
To-date						
2005	12,464(B)			20	12,484	
To-date						
2004	12,684(B)			17	12,701	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date 108,000; for last year to date 139,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 22-Jan-05	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656	493
Avg Wt	5.33	3.20	8.11	5.43	6.69
Last week	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844	516
Same wk yr ago	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657	489
Avg Wt	5.24	3.41	7.94	5.50	6.97
To-date/2005	469,112	4,547	3,907	8,454	1,559
To-date/2004	463,841	4,213	3,818	8,031	1,342

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.2 million head, or 10.3 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/29/05(1)	01/22/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	157,884 (2)	157,130
Light hens	1,435	1,526
Heavy hens	1,066	1,223
Total	160,385	159,879

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jan-05 is 162.4 million head compared to 152.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.2 million head or 4.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/****FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December	18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
	25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January	1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
	8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
Year to date		474.8	475.2	100%	
January	29		162.4		
February	5		162.5		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	67.04	39 :	67.76	75
Los Angeles	80.00	79.15	62 :	74.49	156
New York	69.00-72.00	71.58	24 :	70.99	56

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from			
24-JAN-2005	17-JAN-2005	17-JAN-2005	26-JAN-2004
71.64	-41	72.05	72.54

NUMBER OF LOADS 614

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	01/24/05	3,487	69,885	47,484
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		60	9969	-6892
PCT CHG		2%	17%	-13%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-JAN-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.68
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.50

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REGIONS	RANGE	REMOVAL COST MAJORITY
Eastern	4-9	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-7	4-5

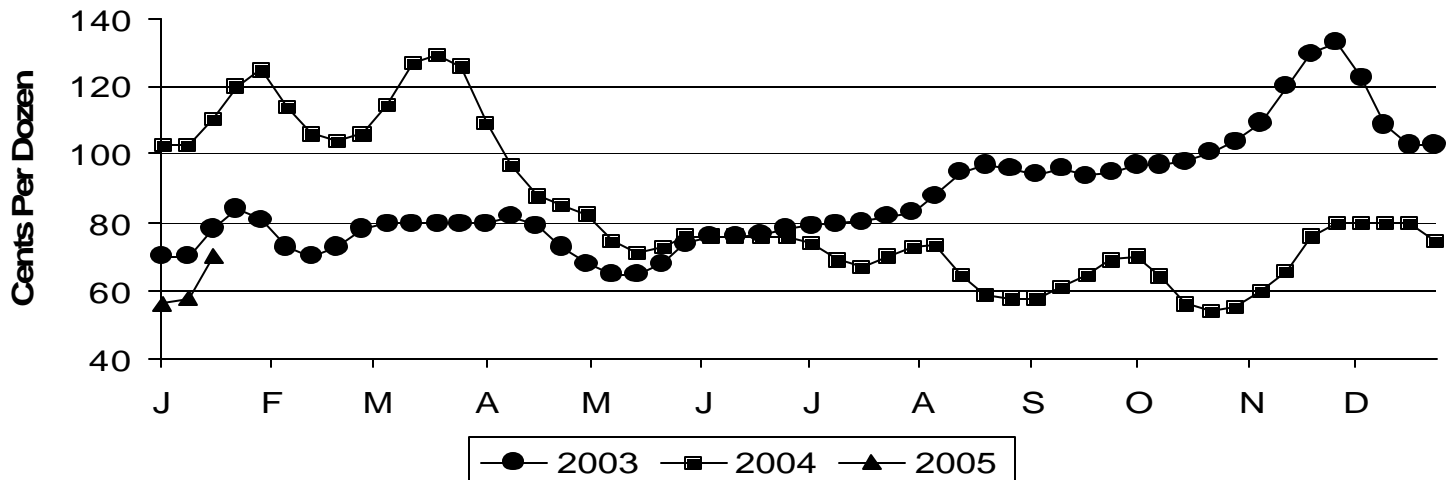
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-Jan-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	241.7	-1	2
East North Central	646.5	4	14
West North Central	299.5	2	4
South Atlantic	213.4	-3	0
South Central	66.5	-1	-5
West	181.9	-6	2
Total	1649.5	1	6

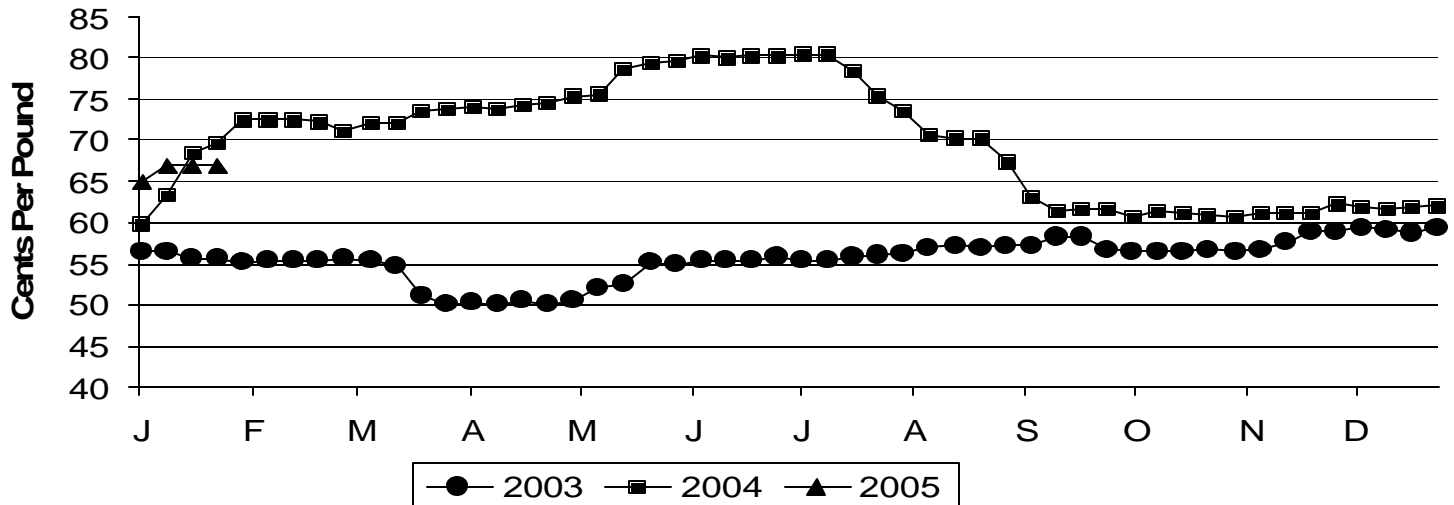
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86  
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

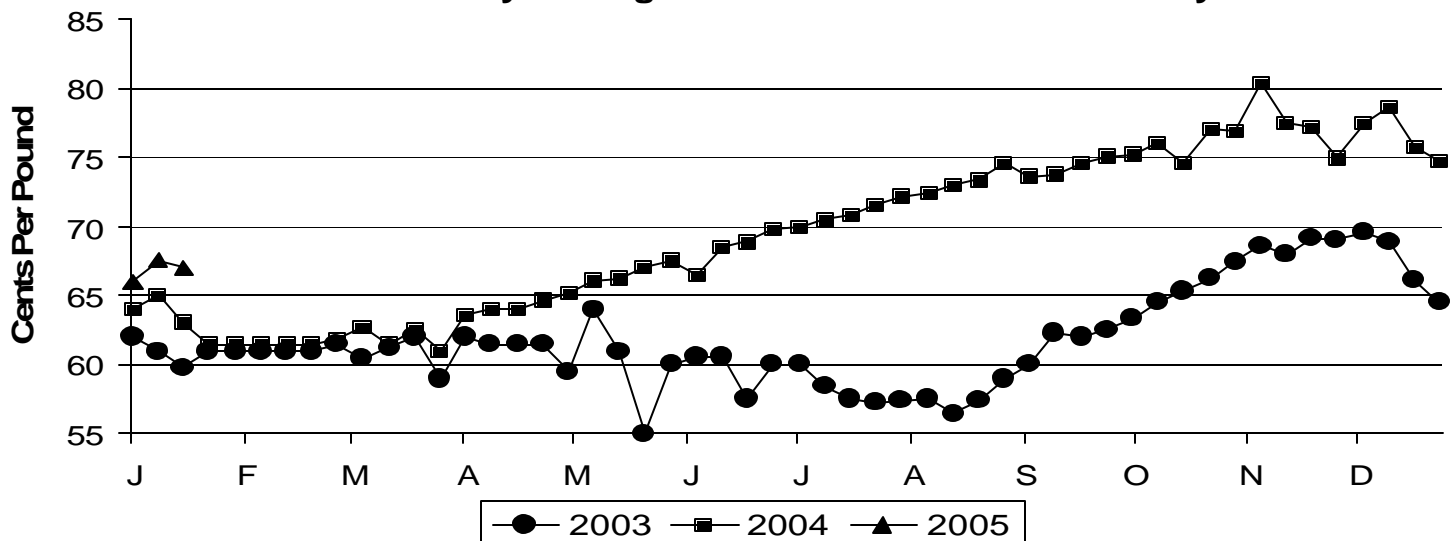
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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